

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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DOCKET NO. 09-302

v.

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SECTION: "C"

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TROY WATTS

a/k/a "T-Dub" "T-Dove"

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FACTUAL BASIS

If this case were to proceed to trial, the United States would prove the following facts beyond a reasonable doubt:

From July 25, 2008 until March 24, 2009, **TROY WATTS** also known as "T-Dub," or "T-Dove," was arrested on four separate occasions by New Orleans Police officers for narcotics violations involving marijuana and/or heroin. On March 24, 2009, **WATTS** was arrested for possession with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin after officers with the New Orleans Police Department saw him distributing heroin from a stash placed in the grass near the front steps of an abandoned house located at 1504 South White in New Orleans. At trial, officers would testify that **WATTS** would meet customers next to his gold Dodge Ram truck and then go to the steps of the house to retrieve the heroin. When officers arrested **WATTS**, they retrieved 27 foils of heroin and \$8,914.00 in cash.

Following this arrest, **WATTS** remained incarcerated in Orleans Parish Prison for two weeks. During that time **WATTS** made numerous telephone calls to co-defendant APRIL HAMILTON to discuss aspects of his heroin distribution business. **WATTS** directed HAMILTON to sell heroin to some of his customers while **WATTS** was incarcerated. At trial, testimony and evidence would be presented to prove that HAMILTON complied with **WATTS**' request to sell heroin to **WATTS**' customers.

At trial, agents with the New Orleans Drug Enforcement Administration would testify that during the time of **WATTS**' March 24, 2009 arrest, they were conducting an independent investigation of **WATTS** as a heroin dealer operating in and around the B.W. Cooper Public Housing Project in the Eastern District of Louisiana. The investigation of **WATTS** led them to a residence at 4485 Wilson Street where they saw **WATTS** frequently coming and going.

The residence at 4485 Wilson Street was rented through the HUD Section 8 rental assistance program. A heroin addict who **WATTS** supplied heroin to on a daily basis agreed, at **WATTS**' request, to sub-let the Section 8 rental to HAMILTON. At trial, testimony would be offered to prove that **WATTS** stayed with HAMILTON at 4485 Wilson Street on occasion and would use the residence to bag up heroin for distribution.

On April 8, 2009, after **WATTS** was released on bond from his March 24, 2009 arrest, a court-ordered search warrant for 4485 Wilson was executed. Agents would testify that items seized included 369.9 net grams of heroin contained in a nylon bag found on a shelf of a closet in the front bedroom and a Remington 7 mm rifle with scope, model 710, serial # 71281524 found under the mattress in the bedroom with the heroin. **WATTS** admits that he possessed the firearm illegally as he had been previously convicted of a felony. **WATTS** further admits that he

was not a hunter who used the rifle for sport. Also seized from the same bedroom were one box of Glad sandwich bags, a bag of hypodermic needles, an 11 pound postal scale, two electronic scales, traffic payment receipts in the name of **WATTS**, **WATTS'** vehicle registration, money gram receipts in the name of **WATTS** and HAMILTON, and HAMILTON's W-2s, pay stubs, and social security card.

The defendant, **TROY WATTS**, and the government agree to stipulate that the amount of drugs he was responsible for distributing or that was reasonably foreseeable to him as being distributed in this case includes a total quantity of at least 100 grams but less than 400 grams of heroin.

READ AND APPROVED:

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